

Program: Acquisition
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: Bruce L. Slover, Hoosier National Forest, U.S. Forest Service

Name of Program: National Forest Land Acquisition Program

Purpose: Acquisition of lands for addition to the Hoosier National Forest

Funding Source: United States government

Date of Inception:

Target Lands: Focus is lands within the proclamation boundary of Hoosier National Forest which have unique ecological, geological, recreational, or other values.

Application Process: Contact Lands Program Manager, Hoosier National Forest

Has program been evaluated? How? Annual monitoring reports of the Hoosier National Forest are produced by the Forest's Planning and Information Management Staff.

Contact Person: Dave Hanson, Lands Program Manager
Hoosier National Forest
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Bedford, IN 47421
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Comments:

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Information Provided by: Mike Litwin, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services

Name of Program: National Wildlife Refuge System

Purpose: To conserve migratory birds, endangered/threatened species, unique habitats.

Funding Source: Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 1929; Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act of 1934; North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989; Land and Water Conservation Fund (1964)

Date of Inception: 1903

Target Lands: Waterfowl habitat, high-quality wetlands, endangered species habitat

Application Process: Through USFWS Division of Refuges and Wildlife. Must meet criteria for inclusion in NWR system.

Has program been evaluated? How? Yes. Internal via Department of Interior, USFWS. Plans subject to public review.

Contact Person: Mike Litwin
USFWS
Bloomington Field Office
620 S. Walker
Bloomington, IN 47403
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Comments: This is generally not a program for small, independent projects in Indiana. Usually for establishment of new refuges or acquisition of land in existing refuge boundaries. Provisions exist for establishing urban refuges.

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Information Provided by: James J. Ruwaldt, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bloomington Field Office

Name of Program: North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP)

Purpose: To protect, restore, and enhance wetlands for the purpose of improving habitat for migratory birds.

Funding Source: North American Wetlands Conservation Act and numerous partners

Date of Inception: 1986

Target Lands: All wetlands and restorable wetlands and associated uplands within joint ventures areas in Indiana (map attached).

Application Process: Funding is provided to projects established within joint ventures by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council. Applications are accepted in April and September . Acquisition of lands is the responsibility of each project.

Has program been evaluated? How?

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Comments: Three NAWMP projects have been funded in Indiana and are actively acquiring lands and restoring wetlands.

Program: Acquisition
Level: State

Information Provided by: Ed Hansen, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife

Name of Program: Indiana Heritage Trust Program

Purpose: To acquire interests in real property that are examples of outstanding natural resources and habitats, or have historical or archeological significance, or provide areas for conservation, recreation, protection or restoration of native biological diversity within the State of Indiana.

Funding Source: Environmental License Plates, interest, donations, and legislative appropriations

Date of Inception: July 1, 1992

Target Lands: State Parks, State Forests, Nature Preserves, Fish and Wildlife Land, Outdoor Recreation, Wetlands, Trails, and River Corridors.

Application Process: Projects submitted on Heritage Trust Project Proposal Forms. Submission deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. Projects must be approved by Project Committee, Trust Committee, and the Governor.

Has program been evaluated? How? Progress of the program is discussed and evaluated at quarterly meetings of the two committees. Indiana Heritage Trust Program income as of 4/12/96 was \$10,708,355 with 4,741 acres acquired at a cost of \$2,850, 142 and 3,491 acres under negotiations.

Contact Person: Project Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources
402 W. Washington W-256
Indianapolis, IN 46204-6811
Ph: (317) 233-3854
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Comments: A Voluntary Land Acquisition Decal program started in 1996. This decal costs \$5.50 with \$5 deposited to the dedicated Fish & Wildlife Account of the Heritage Trust Program. This account is available for wetland acquisition. Other accounts, such as Nature Preserves may also purchase wetlands.

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Level: State

Information Provided by: Jerry Sears, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Outdoor Recreation Division

Name of Program: Land and Water Conservation Fund

Purpose: To preserve and protect land in perpetuity for outdoor recreation and education.

Funding Source: Land and Water Conservation Fund Act

Date of Inception: 1965

Target Lands: Parkland, natural areas, wetlands, greenways

Application Process: Applications are available June 1 of each year and are due no later than September 1. Only legally established park boards with approved 5 year master plans may apply.

Has program been evaluated? How? The program is reviewed bi-annually by the National Park Service.

Contact Person: Section Chief
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Comments:

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Information Provided by: Bill Maudlin and Ed Hansen, Indiana Department of Natural Resources,
Division of Fish & Wildlife

Name of Program: Wetland Conservation Areas

Purpose: Protection, preservation and management of wetlands by purchase or donation.

Funding Source: Funding prior to 1985 was sporadic and appeared as capital line items in biennial budgets. From 1985-1989 additional funds were provided by Ducks Unlimited MARSH Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Beginning in 1993 funds were available in the Heritage Trust Program.

Date of Inception: 1967

Target Lands: Wetlands and wetland buffers

Application Process: Acquisition is a part of DNR's operation. Cooperating organizations should contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Has program been evaluated? How? A total of 7,002 acres have been purchased at a cost of \$2,456,822 (June 30, 1995).

Contact Person: Bill Maudlin
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Comments: There are currently over 20 Wetland Conservation Areas throughout the State. These areas are available for public use.

Program: Acquisition
 Level: Private/Local

Information Provided by: Bruce Marheine, Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Name of Program: MARSH (Matching Aid to Restore State's Habitats)

Purpose: To cooperate with partners (usually with IDNR, USFWS, USFS, etc.) to purchase, restore, or enhance wetlands on public and private lands.

Funding Source: Funds raised in Indiana through DU banquets and other events

Date of Inception: MARSH - 1984

Target Lands: Lands that have been identified by IDNR as being desirable for their ownership and management.

Application Process: Initial contact maybe made through local DU chapters, state DU organization, Regional Directors or IDNR and USFWS personnel.

Has program been evaluated? How?

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Comments:

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Level: Private/Local

Information Provided by: Debra Williams, The Nature Conservancy, Indiana Field Office

Name of Program: Hoosier Landscapes Capital Campaign: Saving Our Last Great Places

Purpose: The \$7 million Hoosier Landscapes Campaign was created to assist in the planning, protecting and stewarding of eight special ecological systems in Indiana. These eight large reserves will be integrated places where economic and human activity coexist with natural systems. This program is designed to go beyond the acquisition of special natural areas and explore uses of the land that are economically practical and compatible with the features of the ecological system. It is also designed to encourage participation with landowners, farmers, businesses, government and communities to minimize stresses affecting the natural sites.

Funding Source: Private fund-raising with assistance from a Moriah Fund \$1 million matching grant.

Date of Inception: 1992

Target Lands: Eight natural ecosystems of Indiana: Fish Creek, Sugar Creek, Blue River, Pigeon River, Big Walnut, Wabash-Ohio Lowlands, Kankakee Barrens, and Knobstone Uplands.

Application Process: The properties must fall within the designated eight ecosystems of Indiana.

Has program been evaluated? How? Periodic reports to funders including the Moriah Fund, Lilly Foundation, Martin Foundation, Ball Brothers Inc., NIPSCO, and many other corporate donors. (Copies of reports are on file at the Indiana Field Office, The Nature Conservancy.)

Contact Person: Dennis J. McGrath or Sheila Hughes, The Nature Conservancy
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Comments: Conservation biologists agree that an integrated system of larger reserves is necessary to protect plants and animals at genetic, population and ecosystem levels. We use the term "reserve" rather than "preserve" advisedly; these eight designated sites will not be museums, but places where human activity and economic needs exist with the natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth. Currently there are two ecosystem project offices established in Indiana: The Fish Creek Project Office and the Blue River Project Office. See pages 24 and 25 in the section on incentives for further information regarding these two offices.

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Information Provided by: Debra Williams, The Nature Conservancy, Indiana Field Office

Name of Program: Waters of Life Campaign

Purpose: The Waters of Life (WOL) campaign is a regional campaign to protect glacial relict aquatic systems and wetlands in northeastern Indiana. The goal is to acquire 3,000-4,000 acres of high-quality natural lands associated with wetland systems of NE Indiana; where possible, enlarge and improve selected areas by acquiring natural lands to serve as corridors between existing and/or new preserves; extend the process of protecting key parcels of land along significant rivers and streams; and provide funds for the continued management and care of the land acquired through this campaign.

Funding Source: 1:4 challenge grant from the Foellinger Foundation of Fort Wayne, Indiana, with \$1 million being raised from the private sector.

Date of Inception: 1988

Target Lands: 4th Congressional District in northeastern Indiana: Lagrange, Steuben, Noble, Dekalb, Whitley, Allen, Huntington, Wells, Adams, and Jay Counties.

Application Process: The Nature Conservancy works with a list of approximately 4,500 acres of bogs, fens, marshes, swamps and wet woodlands in the target area that was identified by the Indiana Natural Heritage Inventory biologists.

Has program been evaluated? How? Periodic reports to funders including the Foellinger Foundation of Fort Wayne and the Cole Foundation. (Copies of reports are on file at the Indiana Field Office, The Nature Conservancy.)

Contact Person: Mary McConnell, The Nature Conservancy
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Comments: The Waters of Life campaign was Indiana's first opportunity to integrate old and new natural sites into an exceptional scheme of nature preserves. Perhaps more importantly, this commitment in 1988 marked the beginning of an effort to address the long-term challenge to protect streams, rivers and their riparian habitats. Because streams and rivers are known to recover from even severe disturbances, there is hope that protection now will promote eventual full restoration.

Program: Acquisition
 Level: Private/Local
 Focus Area Project

Information Provided by: Kenneth Brunswick, Friends of the Limberlost, Limberlost Swamp
 Remembered

Name of Program: Limberlost Swamp Remembered

Purpose: Purchase, restore, and permanently protect part of the Limberlost Swamp.

Funding Source: Private donations, Heritage Trust, and other grants from foundations.

Date of Inception: 1990. Began fund-raising in 1993.

Target Lands: The Limberlost Area in northern Jay and southern Adams counties in Indiana.

Application Process: We've targeted some marshland, prairie potholes, and forested swamp areas. Permanent easements with wetland RESERVE Program where possible. Indiana DNR - Division of Museums and Historic Sites will manage property.

Has program been evaluated? How? U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been working with this project. (Forest Clark, Bloomington Field Office)

Contact Person: Kenneth Brunswick
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 Bryant, IN 47326
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Comments: The Limberlost was elevated to world fame by Indiana author Gene Stratton-Porter. The Limberlost was around 13,000 acres prior to drainage in the late 1880's and early 1900's. The Limberlost name is unique to this area, although used in many other areas of northern Indiana.

A total of 188 acres has been permanently protected and will be restored in 1996 and 1997.

Program: Acquisition
Level: Private/Local
Focus Area Project

Information Provided by: Sharon Partridge, Little River Wetlands Project, Inc.

Name of Program: Little River Wetlands Project, Inc.

Purpose: To facilitate the restoration of wetlands in the historic Little River watershed and provide educational opportunities that inspire and challenge individuals to be good stewards of all natural resources.

Funding Source: Donations, grants, memberships

Date of Inception: November 1990

Target Lands: In Allen County, the project area includes those lands within the area bordered by Hwy. 24 to the north, Lower Huntington Rd. to the south, West County Line to the west, and Ardmore Rd. to the east.

Application Process: Contact the "contact person" listed below.

Has program been evaluated? How?

Contact Person: Paul McAfee
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Fort Wayne, IN 46818
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Comments: Little River Wetlands Project encourages landowners to consider wetland restoration to meet their various needs: wildlife habitat; mitigation; flood storage; tertiary treatment of human/animal waste; education/environmental study areas; recreation; hunting.

Program: Acquisition
 Level: Private/Local
 Land Trusts

Information Provided by: Carolyn McNagny, ACRES

Name of Program: ACRES, Inc.

Purpose: To acquire and protect natural areas in northeast Indiana.

Funding Source: Membership, foundations, businesses, Indiana Heritage Trust program.

Date of Inception: Founded in 1960.

Target Lands: ACRES has 35 nature preserves in 11 counties. Presently located in Miami, Jay, Adams, Wells, Huntington, Noble, Allen, Steuben, Lagrange, Wabash, and Dekalb. ACRES protects 349 acres of wetlands in Noble County (Art Hammer Wetlands Nature Preserve) along the Elkhart River, protects 3 of the Seven Sisters Lakes in the Wing Haven preserve in Steuben County, owns a large wetland and lake in Ropchan Wildlife Refuge in Steuben County, owns land along the Elkhart River at Bender Nature Preserve in Noble County, and owns two bogs in Woodland Bog and Ropchan Memorial, both in Steuben County. This is not a complete list of the properties that protect wetlands, but covers the major ones.

We are working to acquire 135 acres in the Fawn River watershed (Lagrange County) and helped IDNR acquire 46 acres to add to Crooked Lake Nature Preserve in 1995 (ACRES staff wrote grants totaling \$40,000 for the acquisition). We are involved in the Limberlost Swamp Remembered project in Jay County, which is mainly the project of Ken Brunswick and the IDNR Division of Museums and Historic Sites. In 1996, the first farm has been acquired of over 180 acres. The goal of the project is to bring back some of the Limberlost Swamp, made famous by Gene Stratton-Porter.

Application Process:

Has program been evaluated? How?

Contact Person: Carolyn McNagny, Executive Director
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Comments:

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Land Trust

Information Provided by: William Bocklage, Oxbow, Inc.

Name of Program: Oxbow, Inc.

Purpose: To protect the 2,500 acre flood plain-wetland area at the confluence of the Great Miami and Ohio rivers.

Funding Source: Membership dues and donations from individuals, companies, and foundations.

Date of Inception: Oxbow, Inc., was founded in 1986.

Target Lands: Approximately 1,000 acres are as yet unprotected.

Application Process:

Has program been evaluated? How? The IDNR is familiar with what Oxbow, Inc., is doing.

Contact Person: Norma Flannery
4137 Jamestown Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45205
Ph: (513) 471-8001

Comments: To date, Oxbow, Inc., either through the acquisition of property or the obtaining of conservation easements, has gained protection of 605 acres in Indiana. Oxbow, Inc., continues to further this process and maintains an on-going fund-raising program.

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Level: Private/Local
Land Trust

Information Provided by: Ed Schools, Sycamore Land Trust

Name of Program: Sycamore Land Trust

Purpose: Preservation of greenspace and natural areas in south central Indiana.

Funding Source: Grants and donations.

Date of Inception: 1990

Target Lands: Whatever we can get with an emphasis on critical areas such as wetlands, large forested areas, karst areas, etc.

Application Process:

Has program been evaluated? How?

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e-mail: schools@bluemarble.net

Comments: Currently own 5 properties including a 94-acre wetland. The wetland has been dedicated as a State Nature Preserve (Bean Blossom Bottoms Nature Preserve). Negotiations for an adjoining 60 acres are underway.

Additional Attachments: Sycamore Land Trust synopsis